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## **\*\*Media Advisory\*\***

# **VERMONT STUDENTS – YOUR VOICES ARE NEEDED!**

## **Brattleboro Union High School on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**MONTPELIER** – Do you have a great idea for an engaging and innovative learning opportunity that would benefit Vermont's students? Come, join the conversation on high school innovation and enjoy a free dinner!

The Vermont Agency of Education (VT-AOE) has hosted several community dinners as an opportunity for regional educators, students, business leaders, and community members to come together and discuss ways to develop and promote innovative educational practices at the high school level.

The Community Dinners have sparked conversations around forming educational partners - specifically the connection of early college programs, dual-enrollment, career pathways, and the concept of personal learning plans (PLPs). Participants spoke to the importance of students being able to make choices, to take charge of their learning, to self-advocate, to ask meaningful questions, to ask for help, to understand what their support channels are, and to have a sense of place and community.

The final Community Dinner of the school year will be held at [Brattleboro Union High School](#), in the Multipurpose Room on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8pm. If interested, please register here: <http://education.vermont.gov/community-dinners/>.

The VT-AOE created a wordle which captured key ideas from recent dinners; you can view it here: <http://education.vermont.gov/community-dinners#ideas>.

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